



Department of Health and Human Services/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Global AIDS Program (GAP)

Under the direction of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator's Office, the HHS/CDC Global AIDS Program (GAP) is a proud partner in the unified U.S. Government effort to implement the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. GAP helps resource-constrained countries prevent HIV infection; improve treatment, care, and support for people living with HIV; and build capacity and infrastructure to address the global HIV/AIDS pandemic.

About Our Work: Monitoring and Evaluation

Building local M&E capacity

Since its inception, the Global AIDS Program (GAP) has provided training, tools, and technical assistance to support the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) efforts of its country programs.

As the country programs grew in size and scope, providing short-term assistance from headquarters was insufficient to meet each program's M&E needs. A new Strategic Information (SI)/M&E Field Officer program was established in 2004 to assist countries to strengthen their M&E systems and answer important evaluation questions to improve their HIV prevention, care and treatment programs.

Monitoring and evaluation (M&E) is an essential component of good HIV/AIDS program management on all levels—local, national, and global. M&E may consist of assessment and planning for programs, followed by monitoring and/or evaluation of program inputs, activities, outputs, outcomes, and impacts.

The U.S. Government (USG), through the Global AIDS Program (GAP) and other USG and international partners, provides assistance, training, and resources that help countries develop and strengthen their national M&E capacity.

Together these activities help answer key questions about a country's HIV/AIDS programs and policies, and also help assess progress, improve programming, and plan for future program needs. Those questions include:

- ◆ Are we doing the right things?
- ◆ Are we doing them in the most effective way?
- ◆ Are we doing them on a scale that makes a measurable difference?

In Africa, with USG funding, GAP...

- ◆ Supported development of the 5-year National Strategic Plan for comprehensive prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS in Mozambique.
- ◆ Trained key staff in Rwanda in program planning, monitoring and evaluation which resulted in the development of an operational plan for scale-up of prevention mother to child transmission (PMTCT) and voluntary counseling and testing activities.
- ◆ Developed measures to help South Africa monitor program progress in a variety of areas, including TB/HIV, Care and Treatment, Home Community-Based Care and Youth programs.

In Asia, with USG funding, GAP...

- ◆ Recruited and assigned a specialist in M&E to establish systems for monitoring the impact of province-wide demonstration projects and to develop M&E capacity in Cambodia.
- ◆ Supported Vietnam in developing procedures, training curricula, quality assurance and data collection tools for voluntary HIV counseling and testing, community outreach, outpatient HIV care and PMTCT.

In South America, with USG funding, GAP...

- ◆ Collaborated with the Brazilian National STD/AIDS Program to develop a master's degree program in Evaluation of Health Programs.
- ◆ Assisted the Brazilian Ministry of Health to train local nongovernmental organizations in Rapid Assessment Response and Evaluation methods used to identify and expand prevention activity in vulnerable populations.

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